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FOLLOWING IS CAPE TIMES TRANSLATION OF EDITORIAL(MENTIONED REFTEL) FROM APRIL 28 AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER, DIE BURGER, WHICH IS MOUTHPIECE OF RULING AFRIKAANS PARTY. THOUGH NOT AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT,EDITORIA PROBABLY REFLECTS SAG'S THINKING REGARDING SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH:

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"WE ARE TAKING NOTE"

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"DR. KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN LUSAKA FOLLOWS ON RHODESIA
FAIRLY FAITHFULLY AND WITH UNUSUAL EMPHASIS THE BRITISH DEMAND OF
'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT' WITHIN TWO YEARS.

"WE HAVE ALREADY SAID WHY WE BELIEVE IT IS AN UNREASONABLE
ULTIMATUM, AND WE DO NOT REPEAT IT NOW. BUT DOES A
FACTUAL SITUATION OF CIVIL WAR AMONG THOSE WHO POSE AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BLACK MAJORITY IN RHODESIA NOT COUNT
AT ALL IN THE WESTERN CAPITALS? DR.KISSINGER STEPS
LIGHTLY OVER THIS MURDEROUS BLACK DISCORD, AS IF ANGOLA
HAS TAUGHT HIM NOTHING EXCEPT TO MAKE TIMELY PROVISION
FOR A REFUGEE PROBLEM.

" CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA THE
AMERICAN MINISTER SUMMARIZED AND STATED WELL-KNOWN
AMERICAN VIEWS, AND POSSIBLY SAID LESS THAN SOME OF HIS
HOSTS IN AFRICA HAD EXPECTED OF HIM. THERE ARE BLACK
LEADERS WHO WILL NOT AGREE WITH HIM THAT THE WHITE SOUTH
AFRICANS ARE NOT COLOMIALISTS BUT HISTORICALLY A NATION OF
AFRICA. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE COURAGEOUS IF HE HAD
ADDED'WITH THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION LIKE ANY OTHER.'
THIS AFTER ALL, IS THE ISSUE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.

"FOR THE REST WE CONSIDER IT BAD MANNERS TO LECTURE
SOUTH AFRICA ON HER EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND HER HANDLING
OF SOUTH WEST'S AFFAIRS--NOT FROM AN AMERICAN OR SOUTH
AFRICAN PLATFORM, BUT FROM A ZAMBIAN. BUT THIS OF COURSE
WAS PROBABLY CALCULATED TO ANNOY SOUTH AFRICA AND SOOTHE
BLACK AFRICA. DR.KISSINGER AFTER ALL IS VISITING THE
CONTINENT TO MAKE A BID FOR BLACK FAVOUR AGAINST THE
SOVIET UNION,WHICH GOT FAR AHEAD THROUGH THE AMERICAN
DEBACLE IN ANGOLA.

"HE TELLS US THAT WE HAVE DANGEROUSLY LITTLE TIME TO
PUT OUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER. THIS IS ADVICE OF A KIND WHICH
HE GAVE NOWHERE ELSE IN PUBLIC TO AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.
APPARENTLY HE DID NOT EVEN HAVE ANY COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE
ENDLESS SCANDAL OF RIFTS AND FRATERNAL STRUGGLE IN BLACK
MOVEMENTS OF VIOLENCE,FIGHTING ONE ANOTHER TO BECOME
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TOMORROW'S 'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT' IN COUNTRIES WHICH
STAND OUT IN AFRICA BECAUSE OF THEIR ORDER,CIVILIZATION
AND DEVELOPMENT. AND WE COULD FIND NO WORD OF CONDEMNATION
FOR THE ATROCIOUS FIGHTING METHODS OF THE TERRORISTS.

"PERHAPS WE HAD BETTER TAKE NOTE OF HIS REMARKS AT SOUTH
AFRICA'S ADDRESS. AFTER ALL, HE PROFESSES TO SPEAK ON BEHALF
OF 'THE WORLD' ALTHOUGH QUITE RECENTLY IT APPEARED THAT HE

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COULD NOT EVEN SPEAK ON THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA ON BEHALF
OF AMERICA. HE BELIEVED HE KNOWS HOW LITTLE TIME WE HAVE TO
BRING TO AN END 'THE INSTITUTIONALIZED SPEARATION OF THE
RACES.'

"WE IN OUR TURN KNOW--AND DR.KISSINGER'S RICH EXPERIENCE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT HIM THIS--THAT A
DETERMINED FREE NATION NEED NOT A A PASSIVE OBJECT OF IMPERSONAL
AND FREQUENTLY UNREASONABLE HISTORICAL FORCES. IT CAN
RETAIN A CERTAIN CONTROLOVER ITS TIMETABLES.

"IT IS UNNECESSARY TO DISREGARD THE OPINIONS OF
DR.KISSINGER,BLACK AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD
OVER THE EXTENT AND PACE OF CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE
ARE KEEPING OUR EARS PEELED FOR THIS. HOWEVER, WE ARE
MORALLY AND PRACTICALLY BOUND BY METHODS OF REFORM AND
REBUILDING THAT WILL NOT ENDANGER THE ORDER AND SAFETY
OF OUR CIVILIZATION, THE HIGHEST IN AFRICA.

"EVEN IF HE DOES NOT SAY SO, DR.KISSINGER SHOULD
KNOW THIS: THAT SOUTH AFRICA, WITH ALL HER DEFECTS,
CONFORMS BETTER TO THE BEST WESTERN STANDARDS THAN ANY OF
THE COUNTRIES HE HAS VISITED OR WILL STILL VISIT, TO
SAY NOTHING OF SOME HE WILL NOT VISIT BECAUSE HE IS NOT
AT ALL WELCOME THERE."

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